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AUSTIN . . . The October 1, 2007, Texas grapefruit production is forecast at 6.8 million boxes for the 2007-2008 season, down 4 percent from last year's 7.1 million boxes.

All orange production is estimated at 1.8 million boxes, down 9 percent from last year but 13 percent higher than the 2005-2006 utilization, reports State Director, Dave Abbe. Early and midseason oranges account for 1.45 million boxes and Valencias for 350,000 boxes. The production of all oranges totaled 2.0 million boxes last season.

United States grapefruit production is forecast at 36.5 million boxes, down 5 percent from last year. All orange production is forecast at 228.1 million boxes, up 29 percent from last year.